

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the personal interview on June 29, 2006, and for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 19, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes box 4 of the Office Action Summary indicates claims 19-47 are pending; however, Applicants respectfully submit claims 19-49 are pending in the application. By this Response, claims 19, 26, 31 and 32 have been amended, and new claims 50 and 51 have been added. Claims 19-51 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added. All amendments and remarks are in accordance with discussions with the Examiner during the personal interview on June 29, 2006. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 19-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,909,483, issued to Weare et al. (hereafter "Weare"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Weare fails to teach or suggest each and every feature recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Weare fails to teach a method of controlling transmission of message data from a sender having an origination address to a recipient having a first destination address that includes, among other features, "the recipient providing at least one specific instruction... for controlling the transmission of the message data" and "processing the message data in accordance with the at least one specific instruction provided by the recipient for controlling the transmission of message data directed to the destination address", as recited in independent claim 19 of the present application.

Weare further fails to teach a method of controlling transmission of electronic message data from a sender having an origination address to a recipient having a first destination address that includes, among other features, "processing the message data in accordance with the at least one specific instruction provided by the recipient for controlling the transmission of the electronic message data directed to the destination address", as recited in independent claim 31 of the present application.

Because Weare fails to teach at least the above features of independent claims 19 and 31, claim 19 and its dependent claim 20-30, and claim 31 and its dependent claims 32-49 are not anticipated by Weare. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New claims 50 and 51 have been added to provide an additional scope of protection for the originally disclosed invention. No new matter has been added. Claim 50 depends from claim 19, and claim 51 depends from claim 31. By virtue of their dependence from claims 19 and 31, claims 50 and 51 also contain the distinguishable features discussed above with respect to independent claims 19 and 31.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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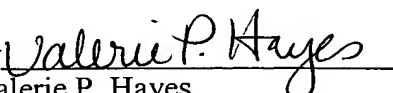
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